Application No.: 10/578,790

Amendment Dated September 17, 2007 Reply to Office Action of June 15, 2007

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-9 are pending in the above-identified application.

Claims 1-4, 7 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' admitted prior art (AAPA). Claim 1 is amended to include,

... a stopper **bonded with an adhesive** to a reverse surface of the magnetic circuit ...(Emphasis added).

Basis for these amendments may be found, for example, in the specification at page 8, lines 8-11. The adhesive could be, for example, applied by itself or in adhesive tape form.

The Official Action states that the stopper (9,11) at Figs. 9-10 and 12-13 of AAPA is disposed on the reverse surface of the magnetic circuit. (Office Action, page 2, lines 13-14). Figs. 8-10 show a conventional transducer. The transducer includes a terminal 10. Terminal 10 is folded inward to constitute stopper 9. Figs. 8-10 show the stopper 9 at different states. Fig. 8 shows the stopper 9 away from the transducer before it is bent. Figs. 9-10 show the stopper 9 contacting the transducer after it is bent. When a force is applied, the stopper 9 bends toward the transducer. When the force is removed, the stopper 9 bends back to the position shown at Fig. 8. (Page 2, lines 1-11). Figs. 11-12 also show the transducer described above in Figs. 8-10 assembled in a portable telephone unit. Thus, the stopper 9, shown at Figs. 8-12 of AAPA, is not "...bonded with an adhesive to a reverse surface of the magnetic circuit."

Fig. 13 shows another conventional transducer. The transducer includes a stopper 11. The stopper 11 is, however, **formed integrally** with the same resin when a frame is molded through injection. (Page 3, lines 22-23). Thus, , the stopper 11, shown at Fig. 13 of AAPA, is not "...**bonded with an adhesive** to a reverse surface of the magnetic circuit." Thus, claim 1 is allowable over the art of record. Claims 2-4 and 7 depend from claim 1. Accordingly, claims 2-4 and 7 are allowable over the art of record.

Claim 9, while not identical to claim 1, includes features similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Thus, claim 9 is also allowable over the art of record for reasons similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this Application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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